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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TOSHIO ICHIZAKI) Examiner: Matthew A. Anderson
Application No.: 09/048,795) Group Art Unit: 1765
Filed: March 27, 1998)
For: PRODUCTION APPARATUS)
FOR PRODUCING A CRYSTAL : January 29, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY CITED ART

Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application. The Examiner is sincerely thanked for allowing the application. However, Applicant has not yet received confirmation that U.S. Patent No. 2,214,976, which was cited in the Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure filed on May 22, 1998, has been considered in this application.¹ A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are enclosed, as is a copy of the return receipt postcard stamped to confirm receipt of those papers by the Patent and Trademark Office.

¹ / The other publication (by Cheredov) listed in that Form PTO-1449 was made of record in the application by the Examiner in the Form PTO-892 attached to Paper No. 9.

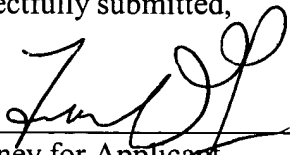
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and make of record the art cited in the mentioned Information Disclosure Statement, and issue an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 as confirmation thereof. Applicant also respectfully requests the Examiner to confirm that U.S. Application No. 09/048,845, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 23, 1998, has been considered by the Examiner.

If the Examiner requires an additional copy of the art mentioned above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

If this Request is not promptly granted, it is requested that this paper be treated as a Petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3) for exercise of his supervisory authority, and that the Examiner forward this paper to the appropriate official for decision as such a petition. While no petition fee is thought to be needed, any such fee that is deemed to be due should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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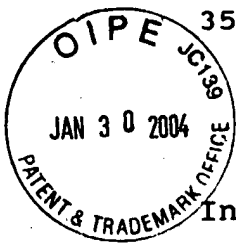
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Application No.: 09/048,795)
Filed: March 27, 1998)
For: PRODUCTION APPARATUS)
AND METHOD OF FLUORIDE)
CRYSTAL, AND CRUCIBLE : May 21, 1998

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. In accordance with the rules, it is noted that no translation or English-language counterpart of the Russian document is available.

Applicant states that the Russian-language article's relevance lies in the following:

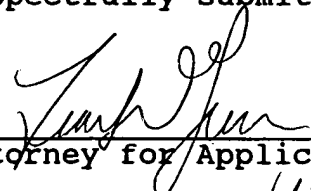
Calcium fluoride containing a contaminant is colored by exposure to radiation. The degree of coloring can determine the stability of the calcium fluoride under radiation and thus can be useful for the evaluation of the optical characteristics.

A color center is generated by a contaminant which acts in a crystal lattice. Accordingly, the title of the article refers to crystallization of calcium fluoride having such contaminant color centers. The article reports on the observation of color centers generated by exposing synthetic calcium fluoride to gamma rays due to the fact that the calcium fluoride contains contaminant (oxygen ions). The crucible described in the article is a multi-container having a hole at its center.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 758-2400 or by facsimile at (212) 758-2982. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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